

TEXAS

Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

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UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES MODERATELY

The number of jobless Texans declined by 47,300 in the actual series between September and October, with a total of 422,700 unemployed in mid-October. The actual unemployment rate dropped from 5.8 percent in September to 5.3 percent in October. The number of people holding jobs rose by 23,700 over the month, to total 7,628,500 in mid-October.

Comparison to year-ago levels reveals a significant difference in both employment and unemployment. Approximately half a million additional Texans found employment between October 1983 and October 1984, and unemployment had dropped by 109,100 over the year. The year-ago actual employment rate was 6.9 percent, considerably above the current rate.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)			
	Oct. 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	114,250.0	113,843.0	112,042.0
Unemployment	7,989.0	8,051.0	9,383.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.1	8.4
Total Employment	106,261.0	105,792.0	102,659.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	114,017.0	113,699.0	111,866.0
Unemployment	8,431.0	8,460.0	9,896.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.4	8.8
Total Employment	105,586.0	105,239.0	101,970.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,051.2	8,074.8	7,660.6
Unemployment	422.7	470.0	531.8
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.8	6.9
Total Employment	7,628.5	7,604.8	7,128.8
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,047.0	8,058.0	7,666.0
Unemployment	456.0	450.0	574.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7	5.6	7.5
Total Employment	7,591.0	7,608.0	7,092.0

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State remained fairly constant over the month, moving from 5.6 percent in September to 5.7 percent in October. The over-the-year change was substantial, as the October 1983 rate was 7.5 percent. The U.S. seasonally adjusted rate remained unchanged over the month at 7.4 percent, but was still well below the year-ago rate of 8.8 percent. The actual rate declined slightly from 7.1 percent to 7.0 percent over the month. The actual rate for October 1983 was 8.4 percent.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS ADVANCE MODERATELY

Primarily on the strength of seasonal increases in the educational sectors, nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose by 19,600 between September and October. The largest gains occurred in government as both the state and local segments reported substantial additions. The hiring of substitute teachers, student aides and support personnel to complete staffing for the fall semester pushed employment up by 21,700 over the month in government.

Similar increases among private schools and colleges generated sizeable growth in educational services. This gain, along with smaller ones in personal services and

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Oct. '84*	Sep. '84**	Oct. '83**	Oct. '84*	Sep. '84**	Oct. '83**	Oct. '84*	Sep. '84**	Oct. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	58,000	58,000	58,300	79,800	80,100	78,600	306,500	304,900	287,400
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,400	9,600	9,700	9,600	36,400	36,500	33,900
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,200	1,900	1,900	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,100	3,800	4,000	4,200	21,100	21,100	17,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,500	8,100	8,100	8,000
Trade	15,200	15,200	15,000	24,100	24,200	23,200	69,200	69,000	64,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,500	4,600	4,300	19,400	19,400	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,600	14,800	14,800	14,700	62,600	62,400	58,300
Government	9,800	9,800	9,600	14,600	14,400	14,100	88,800	87,500	86,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A. -ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	141,300	141,200	141,000	62,600	62,900	63,100	49,000	47,700	46,700
Manufacturing	31,100	31,100	32,000	10,300	10,800	10,800	3,200	3,200	3,100
Mining	2,700	2,700	2,600	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,300	9,500	9,900	3,300	3,200	3,700	3,400	3,500	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,600	11,700	11,600	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,800
Trade	33,900	34,000	32,900	17,300	17,300	17,200	10,800	10,500	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	27,100	26,800	26,200	11,200	11,200	11,100	6,900	7,000	6,600
Government	20,000	19,800	20,200	14,100	14,000	13,900	19,900	18,700	18,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	130,800	130,600	127,400	1,675.2	1,672.8	1,611.1	169,700	168,300	164,900
Manufacturing	14,800	14,800	14,300	321.1	321.9	311.0	39,500	38,700	36,000
Mining	7,500	7,600	7,200	28.1	28.0	28.5	--	--	--
Construction	9,700	9,600	9,500	103.3	104.0	99.2	9,200	9,300	8,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,400	7,400	100.5	100.9	97.5	9,700	9,600	9,800
Trade	33,200	33,100	32,000	449.7	447.7	433.9	41,100	41,100	39,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,300	6,600	6,600	139.9	139.5	130.2	8,000	7,900	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,600	24,200	23,900	340.5	340.9	323.0	27,800	28,100	27,900
Government	27,300	27,300	26,500	192.1	189.9	187.8	34,400	33,600	34,600
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	71,600	70,800	69,500	1,529.5	1,527.4	1,502.6	63,700	63,500	61,000
Manufacturing	9,900	9,900	10,400	198.7	199.0	198.3	8,900	8,700	8,600
Mining	800	800	700	101.0	100.6	97.6	--	--	--
Construction	4,400	4,400	4,500	123.9	124.4	138.0	3,800	4,000	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,700	5,900	6,300	107.1	107.3	103.3	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	12,400	12,400	12,600	371.7	372.1	362.6	15,300	15,300	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	110.6	110.7	105.0	2,600	2,600	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,500	10,600	331.9	332.9	316.3	11,400	11,400	11,100
Government	22,500	21,400	19,900	184.6	180.4	181.5	18,600	18,400	18,000

2/ In Thousands

hotels and other lodging places, gave services an overall advance of 1,100 in October, despite losses in other sectors. The largest reduction occurred in the business services segment of business and repair services. This segment includes temporary help agencies, which had reported strong growth during the summer months. Seasonal declines were reported in amusement, including motion pictures, as outdoor activities were curtailed.

The beginning of hiring for the holidays boosted employment in trade over the month. Although the wholesale portion remained stable in October, the retail sector contributed 1,700 new jobs. The two industries primarily responsible for the increase were general merchandise stores, which traditionally begins hiring for Christmas fairly early, and food stores. Small seasonal decreases in building materials and garden supplies and in automotive dealers and service stations moderated the overall retail trade growth slightly.

Finance, insurance and real estate dropped 100 jobs over the month, as a minor increase in other finance, insurance and real estate was cancelled by an equal decline in banking and a small decrease among insurance carriers, agents and brokers. The continued consolidation of several oil companies produced further declines in the oil and gas extraction portion of mining. With the merger of these companies, superfluous jobs were deleted and payrolls were pared, as normal separations and retirements were not replaced.

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Industry	Oct. '84*	Sep. '84**	Oct. '83**	Oct. '84*	Sep. '84**	Oct. '83**	Oct. '84*	Sep. '84**	Oct. '83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,700	30,300	29,900	67,400	67,500	67,500	93,400	92,700	92,000
Manufacturing	1,800	1,700	1,800	14,900	14,900	14,600	9,400	9,400	10,900
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,100	4,700	4,700	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,300	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,200	4,400	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,300	3,200	3,600	3,600	3,700	4,900	4,700	4,700
Trade	9,500	9,300	9,000	17,300	17,300	17,100	27,400	27,100	26,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,400	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,400	5,200
Services & Misc.	4,800	5,000	4,800	10,900	10,900	11,200	19,800	19,800	18,900
Government	7,100	7,100	7,300	8,500	8,600	8,300	21,800	21,400	21,000
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	78,100	77,100	77,600	59,000	58,300	52,300	61,200	60,100	55,800
Manufacturing	10,300	9,800	9,500	3,900	4,100	3,500	5,900	5,800	6,200
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,400	13,300	13,200	12,200	8,800	8,800	8,800
Construction	4,900	4,900	5,200	3,700	3,600	3,700	4,700	4,500	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,000	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,000
Trade	23,900	23,800	24,600	14,600	14,100	12,300	19,400	18,900	15,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,100	4,100	3,600	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,500	11,100	10,400	10,400	8,700	9,600	9,500	8,300
Government	20,000	19,700	20,000	6,000	5,900	5,400	7,600	7,400	7,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	38,200	38,200	37,400	462,600	461,200	442,600	35,000	35,300	34,500
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,600	51,300	51,500	49,200	11,800	12,000	11,400
Mining	800	800	900	3,700	3,700	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,300	2,400	2,400	32,600	32,700	31,500	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,800	3,700	19,000	18,800	18,400	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,600	9,600	8,900	121,800	122,000	113,400	7,300	7,300	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,600	33,200	31,700	1,300	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,800	7,800	7,400	100,200	99,800	95,800	6,100	6,200	6,300
Government	6,800	6,600	6,900	100,400	99,500	99,200	4,900	4,900	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	48,000	48,400	46,400	58,300	58,700	57,600	28,000	28,400	28,200
Manufacturing	9,400	9,400	8,600	12,400	12,500	11,700	2,900	2,900	3,000
Mining	100	100	100	2,900	2,900	3,000	2,400	2,300	2,600
Construction	1,900	2,200	2,000	2,300	2,500	2,600	2,300	2,400	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,800	1,900	2,100	2,800	2,900	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	11,000	11,200	10,800	14,700	14,900	14,500	7,300	7,700	7,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	9,000	8,800	8,300	11,900	11,800	11,700	5,600	5,600	5,300
Government	13,100	13,100	12,800	8,100	8,000	8,100	4,200	4,200	4,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	78,600	78,200	75,500	53,800	54,100	53,200			
Manufacturing	16,000	16,200	15,700	9,600	9,800	9,000			
Mining	--	--	--	3,200	3,300	3,200			
Construction	4,200	4,300	3,900	2,000	2,000	2,200			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800			
Trade	20,400	20,400	19,000	13,500	13,500	13,300			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,500	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	18,100	17,700	17,400	9,400	9,400	9,300			
Government	11,800	11,500	11,800	10,700	10,700	10,900			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

Small, scattered losses throughout most sectors of transportation and public utilities curtailed employment over the month. The largest of the declines was in communication, but transportation also lost jobs in October. The only segment which recorded an increase was electric, gas and sanitary services.

The completion of some projects, combined with normal seasonal declines, further depressed employment in construction in October. Although construction is booming in many of the metropolitan areas, on a Statewide basis this industry has dropped 23,100 jobs since October 1983 and has decreased by 46,900, or 10.5 percent, since its high point in July 1982.

Manufacturing declined by 1,500 jobs over the month, as the volatile durable goods sector registered several moderate losses and nondurable goods decreased minimally. The largest of the durable goods drops occurred in transportation equipment, where temporary layoffs were reported in motor vehicles and equipment and in ship and boat building and repair.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry			Change From		Change From
	Oct. 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,393,400	6,373,800	6,228,200	19,600	165,200
Manufacturing	996,000	997,500	966,400	-1,500	29,600
Durable Goods	577,500	578,800	551,500	-1,300	26,000
Lumber & Wood Products	41,500	42,100	41,300	-600	200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,400	7,600	7,500	-200	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	18,100	18,000	17,500	100	600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,000	48,300	47,500	-300	500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,200	23,000	21,700	200	1,500
Primary Metal Industries	35,700	36,000	33,600	-300	2,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,800	82,700	80,600	100	2,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	45,100	45,000	44,700	100	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	137,900	137,100	129,200	800	8,700
Oil Field Machinery	46,000	45,700	41,000	300	5,000
Electric & Electronic Equipment	104,900	105,400	95,800	-500	9,100
Transportation Equipment	73,300	74,000	71,600	-700	1,700
Aircraft & Parts	37,600	37,600	37,300	0	300
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	23,100	22,100	-100	900
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,300	12,100	12,300	200	0
Nondurable Goods	418,500	418,700	414,900	-200	3,600
Food & Kindred Products	99,400	98,800	96,400	600	3,000
Meat Products	25,900	25,100	25,100	800	800
Dairy Products	5,000	5,100	5,000	-100	0
Bakery Products	13,100	12,700	11,300	400	1,800
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	4,900	5,000	4,800	-100	100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,500	60,800	61,100	-300	-600
Paper & Allied Products	22,400	22,200	21,700	200	700
Printing & Publishing	71,800	72,100	69,700	-300	2,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,500	35,700	35,000	-200	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,400	76,600	77,100	-200	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,500	42,500	43,900	0	-1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,200	39,300	40,700	-100	-1,500
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,100	8,600	0	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,600	31,600	-100	900
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,397,400	5,376,300	5,261,800	21,100	135,600
Mining	271,300	271,800	259,600	-500	11,700
Oil & Gas Extraction	261,300	261,800	249,900	-500	11,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,000	10,000	9,700	0	300
Construction	399,300	401,500	422,400	-2,200	-23,100
Transportation & Public Utilities	384,400	385,000	371,500	-600	12,900
Railroad Transportation	25,500	25,700	24,600	-200	900
Transportation, Except Railroads	185,000	185,200	172,900	-200	12,100
Transportation by Air	35,100	35,200	34,900	-100	200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,100	96,400	95,400	-300	700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,800	77,700	78,600	100	-800
Electric Services	43,700	43,600	43,800	100	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	28,800	28,800	29,600	0	-800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,605,100	1,603,400	1,571,100	1,700	34,000
Wholesale Trade	443,500	443,500	435,000	0	8,500
Retail Trade	1,161,600	1,159,900	1,136,100	1,700	25,500
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	54,300	54,700	52,800	-400	1,500
General Merchandise Stores	148,800	146,800	147,400	2,000	1,400
Food Stores	212,700	211,700	203,200	1,000	9,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,600	134,300	131,200	-700	2,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,400	77,200	76,900	200	500
Other Retail Trade	534,800	535,200	524,600	-400	10,200
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406,200	406,300	395,400	-100	10,800
Banking	103,900	104,100	102,400	-200	1,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,800	124,900	122,600	-100	2,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,500	177,300	170,400	200	7,100
Services	1,239,100	1,238,000	1,194,700	1,100	44,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	78,100	77,300	76,600	800	1,500
Personal Services	76,200	75,100	72,000	1,100	4,200
Business & Repair Services	332,200	334,500	312,500	-2,300	19,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	53,000	53,700	50,400	-700	2,600
Health Services	344,800	344,900	340,100	-100	4,700
Educational Services	67,300	64,700	64,000	2,600	3,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	287,500	287,800	279,100	-300	8,400
Total Government	1,092,000	1,070,300	1,047,100	21,700	44,900
Total Federal Government	182,900	182,900	176,000	0	6,900
Total State Government	229,100	220,400	219,500	8,700	9,600
Total Local Government	680,000	667,000	651,600	13,000	28,400

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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	Oct. '84*	Sep. '84**	Oct. '83**	Oct. '84*	Sep. '84**	Oct. '83**	Oct. '84*	Sep. '84**	Oct. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,100	79,000	77,300	104,300	104,400	99,100	362,200	360,900	328,600
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,100	3,500	4,500	4,700	4,500	11,200	12,200	12,500
Percent Unemployed	3.7	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.5	3.1	3.4	3.8
Total Employment 2/	76,200	75,900	73,800	99,800	99,700	94,600	351,000	348,700	316,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	180,900	182,100	178,100	93,000	94,700	91,400	60,300	58,900	55,800
Total Unemployment	17,600	19,400	21,500	11,200	12,600	12,300	1,900	2,100	2,200
Percent Unemployed	9.7	10.7	12.1	12.0	13.3	13.5	3.2	3.6	3.9
Total Employment 2/	163,300	162,700	156,600	81,800	82,100	79,100	58,400	56,800	53,600
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	169,400	169,900	164,700	1,953.6	1,955.9	1,825.2	206,700	206,900	196,200
Total Unemployment	12,000	13,600	17,200	67.2	74.5	81.4	19,000	20,800	20,800
Percent Unemployed	7.1	8.0	10.4	3.4	3.8	4.5	9.2	10.1	10.6
Total Employment 2/	157,400	156,300	147,500	1,886.4	1,881.4	1,743.8	187,700	186,100	175,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	96,600	95,900	91,900	1,807.8	1,816.8	1,752.7	79,700	79,300	73,800
Total Unemployment	8,100	8,800	9,500	103.1	115.8	144.4	4,300	4,200	4,300
Percent Unemployed	8.4	9.2	10.3	5.7	6.4	8.2	5.4	5.3	5.8
Total Employment 2/	88,500	87,100	82,400	1,704.7	1,701.0	1,608.3	75,400	75,100	69,500
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	38,500	39,000	39,200	80,500	81,000	79,900	117,800	117,700	114,500
Total Unemployment	5,300	6,000	8,500	5,600	6,300	7,800	5,100	5,800	6,800
Percent Unemployed	13.8	15.4	21.7	7.0	7.8	9.8	4.3	4.9	5.9
Total Employment 2/	33,200	33,000	30,700	74,900	74,700	72,100	112,700	111,900	107,700
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	119,500	119,900	116,700	76,200	75,300	66,900	80,600	79,600	73,300
Total Unemployment	22,800	25,800	22,400	2,500	2,600	3,700	3,200	3,500	5,600
Percent Unemployed	19.1	21.5	19.2	3.3	3.5	5.5	4.0	4.4	7.6
Total Employment 2/	96,700	94,100	94,300	73,700	72,700	63,200	77,400	76,100	67,700
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,700	53,000	49,900	547,400	547,800	509,000	41,700	41,800	40,000
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,300	2,300	24,800	27,200	28,300	2,000	2,100	2,500
Percent Unemployed	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	5.0	5.6	4.8	5.0	6.3
Total Employment 2/	50,700	50,700	47,600	522,600	520,600	480,700	39,700	39,700	37,500
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,500	54,700	52,000	80,600	80,500	77,500	37,100	38,300	37,500
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,200	4,400	3,300	3,600	4,200	1,900	2,100	3,100
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.7	8.5	4.1	4.5	5.4	5.1	5.5	8.3
Total Employment 2/	50,500	50,500	47,600	77,300	76,900	73,300	35,200	36,200	34,400
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	98,700	97,800	91,500	70,500	71,400	68,000	8,051.2	8,074.8	7,660.6
Total Unemployment	5,000	4,500	4,500	2,900	3,600	3,900	422.7	470.0	531.8
Percent Unemployed	5.1	4.6	4.9	4.1	5.0	5.7	5.3	5.8	6.9
Total Employment 2/	93,700	93,300	87,000	67,600	67,800	64,100	7,628.5	7,604.8	7,128.8

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).

2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

3/ In Thousands.

*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

JOB INJURY INFORMATION

The November meeting of the Job Injury Interagency Council and Advisory Committee approved 17 recommendations to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker, and Members of the Texas Legislature. The recommendations include approving appropriations for two joint Texas/U. S. Department of Labor job injury statistical programs (Texas presently compiles no accident prevention information); a continuing coordination of state job safety functions; and specific programs for agriculture, construction and state government employees.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. ± 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983	Oct. ± 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983	Oct. ± 1984	Sep. 1984	Oct. 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$378.90	\$384.64	\$371.84	41.5	41.9	41.5	\$ 9.13	\$ 9.18	\$ 8.96
Durable Goods	373.50	379.61	362.61	41.5	41.9	41.3	9.00	9.06	8.78
Lumber & Wood Products	257.20	258.70	250.74	40.0	39.8	39.8	6.43	6.50	6.30
Furniture & Fixtures	233.05	231.67	235.57	39.5	39.2	40.2	5.90	5.91	5.86
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	357.42	374.95	359.82	42.0	43.7	43.3	8.51	8.58	8.31
Primary Metal Industries	403.10	409.45	385.77	40.8	41.4	38.5	9.88	9.89	10.02
Fabricated Metal Products	355.14	356.83	363.12	41.2	41.3	40.8	8.62	8.64	8.90
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.68	398.47	359.84	42.7	42.8	41.6	9.29	9.31	8.65
Oil Field Machinery	487.17	487.71	435.77	44.9	45.2	41.7	10.85	10.79	10.45
Electric & Electronic Equip.	406.39	418.82	385.22	42.2	43.0	42.1	9.63	9.74	9.15
Transportation Equipment	494.68	505.20	480.38	41.5	42.1	41.7	11.92	12.00	11.52
Instruments & Rel. Prod.	293.73	296.35	322.00	38.7	39.2	40.1	7.59	7.56	8.03
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	282.73	279.73	309.40	41.7	40.6	42.5	6.78	6.89	7.28
Nondurable Goods	385.43	391.35	384.56	41.4	41.9	41.8	9.31	9.34	9.20
Food & Kindred Products	337.55	344.76	331.87	43.0	44.2	43.1	7.85	7.80	7.70
Meat Products	281.55	295.55	290.00	44.2	45.4	42.9	6.37	6.51	6.76
Malt Beverages	750.29	722.95	639.79	46.4	45.1	43.2	16.17	16.03	14.81
Textile Mill Products	261.36	270.66	259.79	39.6	40.7	41.5	6.60	6.65	6.26
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	196.45	189.88	186.31	38.9	37.9	38.1	5.05	5.01	4.89
Paper & Allied Products	440.20	449.91	419.78	44.6	45.4	44.8	9.87	9.91	9.37
Printing & Publishing	348.25	353.16	345.42	39.8	40.5	40.4	8.75	8.72	8.55
Chemicals & Allied Products	596.31	606.48	599.94	41.7	42.8	42.7	14.30	14.17	14.05
Petroleum & Coal Products	601.08	624.52	617.89	42.3	43.1	43.3	14.21	14.49	14.27
Petroleum Refining	618.43	642.82	630.12	42.3	43.2	43.1	14.62	14.88	14.62
Leather & Leather Products	198.17	198.29	206.40	35.9	35.6	40.0	5.52	5.57	5.16
Other Nondurable Goods	366.80	373.66	374.41	42.9	42.9	44.1	8.55	8.71	8.49
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	496.19	496.89	476.90	46.2	46.7	45.9	10.74	10.64	10.39
Oil & Gas Extraction	499.58	499.69	481.03	46.3	46.7	45.9	10.79	10.70	10.48
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, exc. Fuel	407.28	430.54	377.80	43.7	46.9	45.3	9.32	9.18	8.34
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	442.70	444.91	429.26	40.1	40.3	39.6	11.04	11.04	10.84
Elec., Gas & San. Services	433.82	438.69	427.81	39.8	40.1	40.9	10.90	10.94	10.46
Wholesale & Retail Trade	235.28	237.01	231.54	34.0	34.3	34.1	6.92	6.91	6.79
Wholesale Trade	366.16	368.80	361.27	39.8	40.0	39.7	9.20	9.22	9.10
Retail Trade	189.76	190.57	185.47	32.0	32.3	32.2	5.93	5.90	5.76
General Merchandise Stores	160.34	157.11	163.69	29.1	29.7	29.6	5.51	5.29	5.53
Banking	260.02	266.85	248.18	39.1	39.3	38.3	6.65	6.79	6.48

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	\$367.92	\$375.84	\$365.56	41.2	41.9	41.4	\$ 8.93	\$ 8.97	\$ 8.83
Durable Goods	382.23	389.48	380.69	41.1	41.7	41.2	9.30	9.34	9.24
Nondurable Goods	336.18	346.01	331.89	41.3	42.3	41.8	8.14	8.18	7.94
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	472.84	483.78	455.15	43.3	44.1	42.3	10.92	10.97	10.76
Durable Goods	425.20	433.34	398.05	43.7	44.4	41.9	9.73	9.76	9.50
Nondurable Goods	537.57	552.32	527.30	42.8	43.8	42.8	12.56	12.61	12.32
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	272.97	281.25	274.23	40.5	41.3	41.3	6.74	6.81	6.64
Durable Goods	294.65	302.70	295.94	41.5	42.1	41.8	7.10	7.19	7.08
Nondurable Goods	250.19	258.16	252.14	39.4	40.4	40.8	6.35	6.39	6.18

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Electric and electronic equipment also recorded over-the-month job losses, and the reduction of orders pushed employment down in lumber and wood products. Smaller decreases were noted in primary metal industries, in stone, clay and glass products, and in instruments and related products.

Interspersed gains and losses within nondurable goods left the category as a whole down 200 jobs in October. Both the meat products and the dairy products segments of food and kindred products reported additions over the month, for an overall increase of 600. Continued seasonal layoffs held employment down in apparel and other finished textile products. Other decreases were reported in printing and publishing, chemicals and allied products, and textile mill products.

HOURS, EARNINGS DROP

For the first time since May, both average hourly earnings and average weekly hours worked by manufacturing production workers declined between September and October. The number of manufacturing production workers also decreased by 2,800 over the month, from 669,500 in September to 666,700 in October. In mid-October, the average worker was earning \$9.13 an hour for a 41.5-hour week, with average weekly earnings of \$378.90. Average weekly hours decreased by 0.4 hour between September and October, while average hourly earnings declined by 5¢, dropping average weekly earnings by \$5.74. Average weekly hours were unchanged from October 1983, but average hourly earnings had risen 17¢, and average weekly earnings increased \$8.06. The decline over the month in the number of hours worked was reflected in both durable and nondurable goods sectors, while the durable goods sector had the largest decrease in hourly earnings.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA Third Quarter July-September 1984

Abilene	\$ 731,482
Amarillo	1,447,057
Austin	1,932,726
Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange	8,344,875
Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito	2,945,505
Bryan-College Station	542,891
Corpus Christi	4,226,056
Dallas-Fort Worth	15,343,453
El Paso	5,711,259
Galveston-Texas City	3,150,272
Houston	41,900,809
Killeen-Temple	600,051
Laredo	1,461,305
Longview-Marshall	1,954,040
Lubbock	1,196,422
McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg	5,892,260
Midland	621,338
Odessa	907,071
San Angelo	365,383
San Antonio	5,020,928
Sherman-Denison	482,714
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	514,809
Tyler	960,131
Victoria	454,456
Waco	1,041,551
Wichita Falls	680,565

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1983
Total Population	16,438,100	15,974,500
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.3	1.8
UI Covered Employers	305,214	294,073
Total Claims Actions	451,367	524,569
Total Initial Claims Actions	73,278	64,804
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	378,089	459,765
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$133.30	\$133.24
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	\$42,472,021	\$56,577,697
Total Placements	45,171**	40,281

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.
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